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MEETING, OCTOBER 31, 1973

MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OCT. 31
PLENARY SESSION, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ALLIED
PARTICIPANTS GATHERED FOR A BRIEF CAUCUS. CHAIRMAN
(FRG REP BEHRENDT) POINTED OUT THAT THE ROOM WAS NOT
SECURE. THE TWO ISSUES THAT HAD TO BE ADDRESSED
WERE DATA AND THE ALLIED REACTION TO THE PACT
OPENING STATEMENTS.

2. CHAIRMAN NOTED RECEIPT OF A MESSAGE FROM
NATO/ASYG KASTL PROVIDING ROUNDED FIGURES ON NATO,
PACT, US, AND SOVIET GROUND FORCE LEVELS IN THE
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NGA AND ON NATO TANKS IN THE NGA. THE SPC HAD

AGREED THAT THESE FIGURES COULD BE USED IN NEGOTIATIONS, AND LEFT UP TO THE AD HOC GROUP WHETHER AND HOW THEY MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THE PRESS. GROUP WAS UNANIMOUS THAT ROUNDED MANPOWER FIGURES COULD BE USED BY QUARLES AND OTHER ALLIED REPS WITH THE PRESS. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SPC AGREEMENT ON A ROUNDED PACT TANK FIGURE, GROUP AGREED THAT QUARLES SHOULD NOT USE FIGURE ON NATO TANKS, BUT SHOULD INSTEAD FALL BACK ON A RATIO. THE DESIRED IMPRESSION OF APPROXIMATION WOULD BE GIVEN BY SAYING THAT THE TANK RATIO WAS "BETWEEN 2:1 AND 3:1."

3. GROUP APPROVED WITH ONE MINOR CHANGE QUARLES' PROPOSED INSERTION REGARDING PACT OPENING STATEMENTS. (TEXT SEPTEL).

4. NEXT MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP WILL BE NOV. 1, 1973 AT 10:30 A.M.
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